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### CALTRANS SEEKS APPROVAL FOR CONTINUED DEMOLITION OF OLD BAY BRIDGE

**Oakland** – Today, Caltrans laid out plans to complete demolition of the original east span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. The department is asking the Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee (TBPOC) for approval of a \$130 million dollar contract that would include the final steps for demolition of the now obsolete bridge.

The contract will allow Caltrans to proceed with plans to implode Piers E4 – E18 of the old bridge, starting later this year, pending approval. Caltrans hopes to use the same successful implosion method that was used in November 2015 for Pier E3. The entire demolition process for the remaining structure is expected to last approximately three years.

Upon approval, Piers E4 and E5 will be demolished in October/November 2016. Piers E6 through E11 will then be demolished in the fall of 2017. Piers E12 through E18 would then be removed in late 2018.

“The signing of this environmental mitigation contract to remove the piers from the Bay represents what could be the last major milestone for both the Bay Bridge and the State Toll Bridge Seismic Retrofit Program,” said Chief Bay Bridge engineer, Brian Maroney.

Throughout demolition of the old bridge, Caltrans has been focused on minimizing impact to the environment and staying on schedule to keep taxpayer costs as low as possible. Caltrans has committed to the removal of the piers from the original east span of the SFOBB as part of the mitigation efforts to build the new east span.

Caltrans continues to work closely with environmental agencies to pursue necessary permits for the marine foundation removals, ensuring significant environmental stewardship. The marine foundation demolition project is scheduled for completion in late 2018.

Additional information on the successful demolition of Pier E3 marine foundation can be found at [www.BayBridgeInfo.org](http://www.BayBridgeInfo.org).

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